

# Ocean City Beach Citizen's Council

## Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2012

**Ocean City.....A Dream Realized!**

### COMING EVENTS

- ❖ **May 26, 2012** - Wine & Hors d'oeuvres Meet and Greet and Silent Auction, 6PM -8PM
- ❖ **July 7, 2012** - Jazz Festival and Silent Auction, 4PM - 7PM [Gates Open at 3 PM (Food by Award-winning Chef Rhodes of Catch and Phun Seafood Bar, Wilmington NC)]
- ❖ **September 1, 2012** - Annual Fish Fry and Silent Auction, 5PM - 7PM
- ❖ **October Fishing Trip** - Date to be determined

### IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ **May 26, 2012** - **OCBCC Meeting @ 12 (Noon)**  
OCB Community Center
- ❖ **July 7, 2012** - **OCBCC Meeting @ 12 (Noon)**  
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- ❖ **September 1, 2012** - **OCBCC Meeting @ 12 (Noon)**,  
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### Ocean City Beach Merchandise

Ocean City Beach Totes are still available.  
To order e-mail us at [info@oceancitync.com](mailto:info@oceancitync.com) or [ocbcc@hotmail.com](mailto:ocbcc@hotmail.com) Totes are \$12 plus shipping.



#### Ocean City Beach Historical Events

- 1949 OCEAN CITY BEACH FOUNDED AND INCORPORATED
  - 1953 OCEAN CITY MOTEL BUILT
  - 1954 MOST OF OCEAN CITY HOMES DESTROYED BY HURRICANE HAZEL
  - 1957 WADE H. CHESTNUT CHAPEL BUILT
  - 1958 OCEAN CITY BEACH CORPORATION ESTABLISHED FOR PIER
  - 1959 OCEAN CITY FISHING PIER OPENED
  - 1960 OCEAN CITY EPISCOPAL CAMP AND CHAPEL DEDICATED
  - 1979 OCEAN CITY CELEBRATED 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY
  - 1996 OCEAN CITY FISHING PIER DESTROYED BY HURRICANE FRAN
  - 2006 FIRST JAZZ CONCERT HELD
  - 2007 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CHAPEL CELEBRATED
  - 2009 OCEAN CITY BEACH CELEBRATED 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY
  - 2010 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL JAZZ FESTIVAL
  - 2011 2ND ANNUAL JAZZ FESTIVAL AND FISH FRY
- [www.oceancitync.com](http://www.oceancitync.com)



### Community News

We are looking for photographs and other paraphernalia pertaining to Ocean City history to be copied and included in a historical archive. The Topsail Museum is also interested in rotating the articles in the museum exhibit. All photographs will be returned immediately upon scanning. Please mail to C Torrey, 54 Britney Court, Durham, NC 27713 or email scanned items to one of our e-mail addresses.

North Topsail Beach (NTB) aldermen voted not only in favor of supporting of a historical marker that can be placed in front of the Wade Chestnut Memorial Chapel but also to purchase and install commemorative street signs for the Ocean City community! A ceremony with town official is being planned.

Volunteers are needed for NTB Boards and Committees  
Planning Board (2 alternates)  
Board of Adjustment (alternate)  
Recreation & Appearance Committee  
Government Advocacy Committee  
If interested print and fill out an application from the NTB website  
<http://ntbnc.org/Documents/Application%20for%20Appointment%20to%20Boards%20%20CommitteesRev011912.pdf>.

## Community News (continued)

### Re-entry Passes

Each property owner with proof of residency (current utility bill with NTB address/tax bill) and picture ID receives TWO re-entry passes.

The passes will be re-issued on a 3 year cycle.

**Property owners SOUTH of Town Hall will need to obtain a new pass in 2012, this includes Ocean City. Please return the old passes to Town Hall.** The passes for South of Town Hall will be red this year and expire in 2015. Lost passes can be replaced with proof of residency, ID, and \$10 for each pass replaced.

**When Can You Get a Pass?** Passes are available now. The Town encourages everyone to get their passes as early as possible, preferably before hurricane season begins (June 1st). If the storm is on its way, it's too late to get a pass. The Town will not issue passes within 72 hours of predicted landfall. Passes are issued at Town Hall Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. After an event the Town will either have an inland station set up to issue passes to property owners (with proof of residency and ID) or those documents will be accepted at the barricade. Please keep in mind that this will slow down the re-entry process and obtaining a re-entry pass before hurricane season begins is highly recommended.

The Town also accepts requests through the mail. Send a copy of a current utility bill (with NTB address), a signed and notarized Re-Entry Pass Application (attached), a self-addressed stamped envelope and the old passes to:

North Topsail Beach Town Hall  
Attn: Re-Entry Pass  
2008 Loggerhead Court  
North Topsail Beach, NC 28460

### Proposal for Surf City Bridge

For information on the proposed replacement bridge visit:

[www.ncdot.gov/projects/topsailislandbridge/#id91](http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/topsailislandbridge/#id91)



### NTB's Sea Oat Program

NTB's sea oats program will start in April or May; 200 sea oats cost the property owner \$50, and \$100 for 400 plants. Check the NTB website they will post when the sales begins [www.ntbnc.org](http://www.ntbnc.org). **Please team up with your neighbors; these are excellent plants to stop erosion.**

Sea oats (*Uniola paniculata*) play a major role in stabilizing and building dunes. It will take about 64 seedlings to plant an area of dune that is 10' x 10' in area. Best planting times are between April and May. If people walk over the young plants, the plants' survival will be greatly reduced.

#### Steps for planting:

1. Select the area to be planted and rope off three sides (along the top of the dune and down two sides, leaving the beach front accessible).
2. Run a tape measure along the top edge of the dune and mark off a point every 18". This can be done by using spray paint, sticks or other markers.
3. Use shovels or other digging tools to dig a hole 8-12" deep at each marked point. Holes need only be a few inches in diameter.
4. Place one sea oat seedling in each hole, making sure that the top of the root ball is at least 4" below the surface of the sand. Fill in the hole around the seedling with sand.
5. Sprinkle one teaspoon of time-release fertilizer around the base of each plant. Work the fertilizer into the sand with the spoon or your fingers.
6. Repeat steps 2-5 for additional rows of sea oats, making sure that each row is staggered and 18" apart. This can be accomplished using the long tape measure or by giving each person an 18" long piece of wood or flagging tape so that they can measure 18" from the newly planted sea oats. Do not plant sea oats below the high tide mark as the plants will get washed away.
7. Plants should be watered immediately following planting, then again weekly for the first few months.

## NTB Notification System



Register at the NTB website [www.ntbnc.org](http://www.ntbnc.org) and click one-step notification. This will allow you to receive timely notifications by telephone, cell phone and email for the town.

### 2012 Dining Guides are now available

Pick yours up at NTB Town Hall for \$25. Proceeds go to the Town Beautification Fund.

**The Transportation Planning Branch** of the North Carolina Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the local municipal governments in the Topsail Area, the Cape Fear RPO and the Down East RPO has developed a comprehensive transportation plan (CTP) for the area. A CTP Team consisting of representatives from the above groups was formed to guide and direct the development of the CTP.

The transportation plan is a long-range plan that identifies major transportation improvements that will be needed over the next 30 years. Major milestones in the development of the plan included the completion of a Goal and Objectives Survey, consensus on capacity deficiency analysis and continued coordination between the military, NCDOT and local government officials on recommendations.

The CTP has been adopted by each local government and endorsed by the Cape Fear and Down East Rural Planning Organization. The North Carolina Board of Transportation adopted the Topsail Area Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Please check the maps below for and the attached documentation to view the recommendations.

<http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/tpb/planning/TopsailIsland.html>

## Paving of Highway 210

The State DOT will be opening bids in this month for the sub grade work and paving of HWY 210 from the Pender and Onslow Co. line to the NTB Bridge. The surfacing will be from edge of pavement. Paving is set to begin in March and will hopefully be completed by Labor Day. The State indicated that they would do everything possible to keep traffic issues at a minimum.

## Gravel Parking Added @ Green and Chestnut Streets



NTB has added gravel from the resident's property line to the street for beach access parking on Green and Chestnut streets. Both sides of the road were done on Chestnut Street and only one side on Green Street.

## Solid Waste Billing

Solid waste billing method has changed beginning in September; solid waste fees will be billed through ONWASA (residents were previously billed on their Onslow County tax bill). Customers who are not individually billed from water have been billed by the Town.

## Dunes

NTB will not be conducting a push of the dunes this year, however if you are interested in pushing your dune we have the name of an individual who can do the push, price per cubic yard and the number of cubic yards per property owner.

## Beach Nourishment

The Town is seeking more information in order to proceed with to Proceed with Phase One of the Shoreline Protection Project. Town Staff has reported that storms and the effects of northeastern winds have caused erosion on the North end of the Town. There are 6 to 8 homes that are currently threatened. The Topsail Reef condominium complex is planning on sandbagging all eight of their buildings and some individual property owners are considering sandbagging as well, as this is the only immediate measure that can be taken to protect property.

At the January 4, 2012 regular Board of Aldermen meeting, the Board of Aldermen made the decision to proceed with Phase One of the Shoreline Protection Project (more info, also see Project 2 on this page) and to have Coastal Planning & Engineering (CP&E), which developed the project, review with potential contractors possible changes in the plan that would lead to cost savings in construction and implementation and to report back to the Board with their findings. Phase One of the proposed projects will realign and deepen New River Inlet. The sand from the channel deepening will be used to nourish the northern end of the island.

The Board also agreed that after review and consent by the Board of the findings, the Town will proceed with directing CP&E to prepare the necessary design, engineering, and bid documents in order to begin construction as soon as practicable in 2012. The Board also agreed that it will schedule a workshop to review available funding sources and to develop a final plan for implementation. In addition, the Board agreed to suspend the Town's permit application fee to move a house through the calendar year of 2012, provided the house remains in North Topsail Beach

## Preventing Wind Erosion with Sand Fencing

Across open bare, sandy soil areas subject to frequent winds, where the trapping of blowing sand is desired. Wind fences are used primarily to build frontal ocean dunes (to control erosion from wave over wash and flooding).

### **Definition:**

An artificial barrier of evenly spaced wooden slats or synthetic fabric erected perpendicular to the prevailing wind and supported by posts. Sand fences are usually made commercially of light wooden slats wired together with spaces between the slats. The distance between slats is approximately equal to the slat width (about 1 1/2 inches). Synthetic fencing fabric is available for this use. The fences are erected 2 to 4 feet high in parallel rows spaced 30 to 40 feet apart over the area to be protected. Fences are supported by wooden or metal posts.

### **Purpose**

To reduce wind velocity at the ground surface and trap blowing sand. Typically used for rebuilding frontal dunes along coastal areas.

### **Where Practice Applies Planning Considerations**

When wind fences are approximately two-thirds full, another series of fences is erected. In this manner, dunes can be built 2 to 6 feet high or more during a single season. When the dune has reached the approximate height of other mature dunes or when the building process slows significantly, stabilize with appropriate vegetation. Install sand fences in spring or early summer and seed selected permanent vegetation in the fall or the following spring. Erect a windward fence parallel to existing dune (generally perpendicular to the prevailing onshore wind), at least one foot above the maximum annual high water elevation. Locate a second fence generally parallel to the first at the top edge of the eroded dune bank. Space additional parallel fences 30 -40 feet apart as

Sand fence has evolved over the years to be one of the predominate trappers of sand from wind-blown erosion. If sand fence is installed on your property specific goals should drive the placement of the fence. If you are only interested in sand trapping and dune building placement the sand fence should maximize sand drop in the desired



area. Generally this is going to be about 10 down from the crest of the dune. This will place sand in an area from the toe of the fence back to within 3 to 4 feet of the crest. This will start building the face of the dune and moving the dune seaward building maximum height and depth.

If your needs require movement of the toe of the frontal dune in order to establish vegetation and a frontal vegetation line for CAMA permitting then placement of the sand fence should be as close to the seaward toe of the frontal dune as needed or allowed by CAMA rules and regulations. The maximum allowed for this type of installation is 10 feet from the toe of the existing dune. A lot of factors including lunar tides affect this so placement in this area of the beach requires some thought and expertise. This placement only works in conjunction with heavy planting and should not be considered without a thorough dune management plan in place.

**Sand fence basics :**

Fence sections should be no longer than 10 feet.

Fence should be placed at a 45 to 90 degree angle to beach.

Back post of fence should be placed into predominate wind.

**No Permit is needed if you adhere to the following criteria:**

Sand fences that are installed and maintained subject to the following criteria are exempt from the permit requirements of the

Coastal Area Management Act:

(1) Sand fencing may only be installed for the purpose of: building sand dunes by trapping wind blown sand; the protection of the dune(s) and vegetation (planted or existing).

(2) Sand fencing shall not impede existing public access to the beach, recreational use of the beach or emergency vehicle access. Sand fencing shall not be installed in a manner that impedes or restricts established common law and statutory rights of public access and use of public trust lands and waters.

(3) Sand fencing shall not be installed in a manner that impedes, traps or otherwise endangers sea turtles, sea turtle nests or sea turtle hatchlings.

(4) Non-functioning, damaged, or unsecured, sand fencing shall be immediately removed by the property owner.

(5) Sand fencing shall be constructed from evenly spaced thin wooden vertical slats connected with twisted wire, no more than 5 feet in height. Wooden posts or stakes no larger than 2" X 4" or 3" diameter shall support sand fencing.

(6) Location. Sand fencing shall be placed as far landward as possible to avoid interference with sea turtle nesting, existing public access, recreational use of the beach, and emergency vehicle access.

(a) Sand fencing shall not be placed on the wet sand beach area.

(b) Sand fencing installed parallel to the shoreline shall be located no farther water-ward than the crest of the frontal or primary dune; or

(c) Sand fencing installed water-ward of the crest of the frontal or primary dune shall be installed at an angle no less than 45 degrees to the shoreline. Individual sections of sand fence shall not exceed more than 10 feet in length (except for public access-ways) and shall be spaced no less than seven feet apart, and shall not extend more than 10 feet water-ward of the following locations, whichever is most water-ward, as defined in 15A NCAC 7H .0305: the first line of stable natural vegetation, the toe of the frontal or primary dune, or erosion escarpment of frontal or primary dune; and

(d) Sand fencing along public access-ways may equal the length of the access-way, and may include a 45 degree funnel on the water-ward end. The water-ward location of the funnel shall not exceed 10 feet water-ward of the locations identified in Item (6)(c) of this Rule.

Additional information @ From Massachusetts Erosion and Sediment Control Guidelines for Urban and Suburban Areas <http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/laws/policies.htm#storm>

### Did You Know?

All electrical work on rental property must be performed by a NC licensed electrician.

All window and door replacement requires a building permit regardless of cost; these elements are considered structural components of the building.

Installation of driveways also requires a permit.

ALL work exceeding \$5,000.00 in cost must be permitted; this includes siding, roofing and deck repairs.

The repair or replacement of any load bearing members requires a permit as well as sheathing replacement designed for uplift.

The addition or change in any plumbing lines and heating and cooling systems also require permits.

All personnel doing work in North Topsail beach are required to have a Privilege License issued by the Town.

### Memoriam



Mr James Edward Purcell Sr.,  
1925-2012

Mr. Purcell was a resident of 465 Ocean Drive for many years and was 86 at the time of his passing. He was lovingly known to family and friends as "Jim", "Jimmy" or "Ed". Jim received his bachelor's degree in Education from Fayetteville State University. His higher education included a master's degree in Administration and Supervision from New York University and Post-Graduation studies, at Boston University. Jim had a distinguished career as a public school teacher, principal consultant, member of the North Carolina State Review Committee, coordinator of Student Teaching and a Visiting Professor. Jim and his wife, Vivian, were married nearly 60 years. Jim served honorably in the United States Army, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Cumberland Community Foundation Scholarship Committee and on the YMCA Board of Directors. He was a charter member of the Friends of Charles Chesnut Library (Fayetteville State University) and held the office of President for two terms. Mr. Purcell will be deeply missed by our community.

Mr. Purcell is survived by his wife Vivian and brothers, Curtis and Alex II

Mrs. Vivian Purcell  
716 Topeka Street  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

## Volunteer Opportunities

If you interested in any of these volunteer opportunities please e-mail us at [info@oceancitync.com](mailto:info@oceancitync.com) or [ocbcc@hotmail.com](mailto:ocbcc@hotmail.com)

Wine & Hors d'oeuvres Meet and Greet  
Jazz Festival (Logistics, Silent Auction, Vendors)

Annual Fish Fry

Strategic Team

Block Captains/Hospitality Group

We are also looking for volunteers to attend the BOA meetings, choice a month that's convenient for you!

## Community Dues

Dues Received beginning January 1, 2012 will apply to the 2012 fiscal year

See enclosed form - Annual Dues are still \$50 per Property Owner's Household

**The Association Needs Your Support!**

Please consider possible community projects for the Summer of 2012!

Please remember to like us on Facebook and post your comments and photos.

Join the discussion forum and post your discussions/comments. For instructions of joining send us an email

Visit Us @ Our Website [www.oceancitync.com](http://www.oceancitync.com) and remember our directory of residents is there. For instructions of signing in to the directory send us an email

Please check our on-line directory and make sure your information is correct. Submit any correction to one of our e-mail addresses ([ocbcc@hotmail.com](mailto:ocbcc@hotmail.com) or [info@oceancitync.com](mailto:info@oceancitync.com))



## Chef Keith Rhodes

Bravo TV's contestant for top chef, Keith Rhodes will be providing the food for the Jazz Festival on July 7, 2012. Rhodes, a Wilmington native, has been voted the city's best chef for three consecutive years. He is a James Beard nominee for Best Chef Southeast, is chef and owner of Catch, a modern seafood restaurant in Wilmington, North Carolina. The popular restaurant recently opened a second location. Prior to his role at Catch, he served as Executive Chef of Deluxe. Chef Rhodes' enthusiasm for North Carolina seafood is contagious, and his passion for his "Modern Seafood Cuisine" comes through in every bite. He's a stickler for wild caught and sustainably raised seafood, and favorites such as his signature NC Sweet Potato Salad and Conch Fritters complement the day's fresh catch. Married at age 19, he has two kids in college and prides himself on his upscale low country cuisine with worldly influences and unique plating presentation. Rhodes also partakes in outreach projects for kids and mentors young chefs.



# Ocean City Beach Citizen's Council 2012 Dues & Contributions

**Join the Community - Help Improve and Continue the Legacy of Ocean City**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Beach Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of additional member(s) in household \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

|  |                     | My Amount |
|--|---------------------|-----------|
| 2012 Membership Dues*  | \$50 per household* | \$        |
| Additional Contribution to Support the Vestry (Tax Deductible) |                     | \$        |
| Additional Contribution to Support OCBCC (Not Tax Deductible)  |                     | \$        |
| Total Amount Enclosed  |                     | \$        |

\*Entitles you to two dinners at the annual fish fry on September 1, 2012, 5 PM to 7 PM

**Please make check out to: OCBCC or Ocean City Beach Citizen's Council**

**Mail to: OCBCC, 3626 Suffolk Street, Durham, NC, 27707-4536**

Dues are not tax deductible. Additional contributions are welcome. Contributions to our vestry are tax deductible.

Comments (e.g. interests, how you would like to help Ocean City Beach Citizen's Council)

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Contact [ocbcc@hotmail.com](mailto:ocbcc@hotmail.com) or [info@oceancitync.com](mailto:info@oceancitync.com) for more information



*Town of North Topsail Beach*



**Town of North Topsail Beach  
RE-ENTRY PASS APPLICATION  
2012 - 2015**

**LAST NAME, FIRST, MIDDLE**

\_\_\_\_\_

**PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS/PHONE/E-MAIL**

Street/PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers

Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not on our Connect-CTY notification system, do you want Town Staff to add you?  Yes  No

If so, which number do you want to use as your primary number? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive texts on your cell phone?  Yes  No

**NORTH TOPSAIL BEACH PROPERTY ADDRESS**

House Number and Street \_\_\_\_\_

North or South of Town Hall?  North  South (if you have multiple properties on either end you will get one pass for each end of Town)

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

**\*\*\*\*\*There is a \$10.00 fee for replacement passes.\*\*\*\*\***

Pass Numbers \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt Number \_\_\_\_\_

Replacement Passes?  Yes  No

Amount Collected \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check  Cash

**I have read the Re-Entry Pass Policy for the Town of North Topsail Beach and I understand this policy (\$10 fee for replacement passes).**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a copy of a recent utility bill and lease (if long-term renter).**

**\*\*\*\*If you are not appearing in person, please also have this form notarized and mail with a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Town of North Topsail Beach Re-Entry Passes 2008 Loggerhead Court N. Topsail Beach, NC 28460.**

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ appeared before me this day  
acknowledging to me that he or she signed the foregoing document.

\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public  
My commission expires:

Date: